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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - September 24, 2007

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Raul Hernandez-Cruz was sentenced today in U.S. District Court by the Honorable Larry A. Burns to serve 77 months in custody, based on Hernandez-Cruz' conviction for being a deported alien found in the United States. Judge Burns also ordered that Hernandez-Cruz serve a 3-year term of supervised release following his release from prison.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher P. Tenorio, who prosecuted the case, Hernandez-Cruz entered a guilty plea pursuant to a plea agreement on August 30, 2007 to the one-count indictment. In imposing the sentence, Judge Burns found that Hernandez-Cruz's 1987 conviction for possession of marijuana for sale constituted an aggravated felony, and justified a significant increase to his sentence.

The case was investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 07CR1819-LAB

Raul Hernandez-Cruz

SUMMARY OF CHARGE

Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326(a) and (b) (Deported alien found in the United States)

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Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement